

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Hirohisa TANAKA

Application No. 10/550,726

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VARIABLE VALVE SYSTEM OF INTERNAL COMBUSTION  
ENGINE AND HYDRAULIC ACTUATOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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January 23, 2006

Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing  
of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.